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**Trace Forward Protocol  
For  
Nurseries that Received Plant Material Shipped from a Confirmed  
*Phytophthora ramorum* infested nursery.**

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this protocol is to establish a set of procedures that are to be used to determine if a nursery that received plants from a *Phytophthora ramorum* confirmed positive nursery has infected plants in their inventory, and thus has become infested themselves. *P. ramorum* is the plant pathogen that causes sudden oak death, ramorum blight, and ramorum die-back. By following the procedures in this protocol, we can ensure a consistent, science and risk based response to detections of *P. ramorum* in commercial nursery stock. For more information on this pathogen please visit the USDA, APHIS, PPQ web site at: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ispm/pramorum/>.

**Definitions**

- Associated plants:** Associated plants are those reported found naturally infected and from which *P. ramorum* has been cultured and/or detected using PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction). For each of these, traditional Koch's postulates have not yet been completed or documented and reviewed. See Appendix D
- Block:** Within a nursery, this is a contiguous block of HAP. The block will be considered contiguous until there is a 2 meter break of either no plants or no HAP.
- Buffer Zone:** Area identified as a 10 meter radius from the destruction block (see Appendix E) designed to determine if *P. ramorum* has spread beyond the destruction block. This zone is also known as the quarantine block. (Use of buffer zone is an adaptation from the definition: "An area in which a specific pest does not occur, or occurs at a low level and is officially controlled, that either encloses or is adjacent to an infested area, an infested place of production, a pest-free area, a pest-free place of production or a pest-free production site, and in which phytosanitary measures are taken to prevent spread of the pest." [ISPM Pub. No. 10, 1999])

<b>Confirmed Positive:</b>	A <i>P. ramorum</i> sample diagnosed or identified by an APHIS Reference Laboratory as positive for <i>P. ramorum</i> .
<b>Destruction block:</b>	Block of plants to be destroyed. Within a nursery, this is a contiguous block of HAP containing one or more plants known to be infected with <i>P. ramorum</i> . The block will be considered contiguous until there is a 2 meter break of either no plants or no HAP.
<b>HAP:</b>	Host and associated host plants listed on the official APHIS List of Hosts and Plants Associated with <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> .
<b>High Risk Plants:</b>	These are any HAP which originated in the destruction block at the infested (source) nursery. These plants are to be identified using the best available information and to the lowest available taxonomy, (for example, if high risk plants can be identified to cultivar, then trace forward activities may be conducted at the cultivar level). All plants shipped from the infested nursery in the past 12 months which match the description of plants which were in the destruction block are considered to be high risk.
<b>Infected plants:</b>	Plants officially confirmed as being infected with <i>P. ramorum</i> , based on the use of APHIS approved diagnostics.
<b>Medium Risk Plants:</b>	These are any HAP which originated from the infested (source) nursery which did not originate in the destruction block. All plants shipped from the infested nursery in the past 12 months which did not originate in the destruction block are considered to be medium risk.
<b>Nursery/Facility:</b>	Any location where nursery stock is grown, propagated, stored, or sold; or any location from which nursery stock is distributed. Locations that grow trees to be sold without roots (i.e. Christmas trees) and locations where such trees are stored or distributed are considered to be nurseries.
<b>Suspected infected plants:</b>	These are plants with visible symptoms of <i>P. ramorum</i> infection; and/or HAP that are a part of an infested block or derived from an infested block or buffer zone; and/or plants that have tested positive using PCR or culturing, but have not been confirmed positive for <i>P. ramorum</i> by APHIS.
<b>Trace Forward (TF) Plants:</b>	Plants identified on a trace forward list as being potentially infected with <i>P. ramorum</i> .

**Trace Forward (TF) Site:** Any location that received potentially infected plants from a confirmed infested source nursery; including residential or commercial landscapes.

### **Before inspection**

1. Insure inspection is conducted when favorable climatic conditions, pathogen infectivity, and host susceptibility share an optimum time for disease development and symptoms are likely to be expressed. If conditions are not suitable for disease development, an additional inspection must be conducted when favorable climatic conditions are present.
2. For Federal inspectors, notify state officials of your plans to inspect.
3. Coordinate visit with State inspector.
4. Federal and State or County inspectors should contact the nursery owners/managers prior to visit to determine how many plants of interest are still in stock and to arrange for the inspection.
5. If you are unable to visit the nursery within one day of your contact with the nursery owner/manager, send a PPQ form 523, an Emergency Action Notification (EAN) by fax to them and request that they sign and return it to you by fax.

### **Survey/Inspection Procedure**

1. Identify yourself and agency to the nursery/facility owner/manager.
2. Explain to the nursery/facility owner/manager the purpose of your visit.
3. Obtain copies of the shipping documents that relate to the trace forward plants received from a confirmed *P. ramorum* infested nursery. Also obtain copies of those documents associated with trace forward plants that came from the confirmed positive nursery that have been shipped by the trace forward nursery to other nurseries or retail facilities.
4. Determine the presence or absence of any of the trace forward High Risk Plants and Medium Risk Plants at the trace forward site.
  - If the trace forward nursery received high risk plants from the infested source nursery during the past 12 months, a trace forward investigation must be conducted, even if there is no longer any high risk plants present on the trace forward nursery. If records are available, use them to determine if or what other hosts may have come in contact with the trace forward plants, and where in the nursery that contact occurred.
  - If the trace forward nursery received in the previous 12 months only medium risk plants from the infested source nursery a trace forward investigation must be conducted if the plants are still present on the nursery.
  - If the trace forward nursery received in the previous 12 months only medium risk plants from the infested source nursery a trace forward investigation may

be conducted or the investigation may be deferred and the nursery placed on the target list for the next cycle of the National Survey for *P. ramorum*, if the plants are no longer present on the nursery.

5. Ask owner/manager to fill out questionnaire (attached, Exhibit A), or complete with their input.
6. Complete an Emergency Action Notification (EAN, PPQ form 523) to place a hold on all the high risk and medium risk trace forward plants from the infested (source) nursery and other HAP, products or articles that present a risk of spreading *P. ramorum*. See Exhibit D, attached to this document, for the list of HAP as of the date of this protocol. Updated lists are available from the APHIS *P. ramorum* Web site: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ispm/pramorum/>
  - Use this language in Section 16 of the PPQ 523 – Action Required:
    - All plants of the following listed species received from [INSERT Name of Nursery] during the period from [INSERT dates, one year prior to current date. Example: March 1, 2004 to February 28, 2005] are prohibited from movement pending further notification by USDA, APHIS, PPQ. Access to these plants is limited to appropriate Regulatory Officials. These plants are not to be sampled, moved or sold within the nursery, unless under the supervision of a Regulatory Official. In addition: [Select option 1 or 2 below]
      1. If this nursery is a production/wholesale nursery then add the following language to Section 16 of the EAN.
        - a. The following shall also be prohibited from movement pending further notification by USDA, APHIS, PPQ:
          - 1) all high risk host plants
          - 2) all other HAP located in the high risk block
          - 3) all medium risk plants
  - OR
  - 2. If this nursery is a retail nursery then add the following language to Section 16 of the EAN.
    - a. The following shall also be prohibited from movement pending further notification by USDA, APHIS, PPQ
      - 1) all high risk and medium risk plants in the nursery
      - 2) all other HAP within 2 meters of the high risk plants.

7. **Plants to be held**

- For production/wholesale nurseries:
  - Place a hold on all high risk plants and all other HAP (Exhibit D) in the block where the high risk plants have been located at the trace forward nursery.
  - All medium risk plants are to be held.
  - All other HAP in the trace forward nursery are not required to be held under this protocol because risk of spread in non-TF blocks is

low. Inspectors may place other plants and other HAP, products or articles that present a risk of spreading *P. ramorum* on hold at any time per Federal and State authorities.

- For retail nurseries (because plant propagation does not occur on site risk is lower):
  - Place a hold on all high risk plants and all other HAP within 2 meters of the high risk plants located at the trace forward nursery.
  - All Medium risk plants are to be held.
  - All other HAP in the trace forward nursery that are not within 2 meters of high risk plants are not required to be held under this protocol, however inspectors may place HAP, plant products or articles that present a risk of spreading *P. ramorum* on hold at any time per Federal and State authorities (e.g. If plants from the TF nursery have been moved within the retail nursery or commingled with other HAP in that nursery, the additional HAP must also be held.)
  - Once inspection and sampling are complete, the held plants shall be consolidated and segregated. If the plants are not consolidated and segregated, then the affected portion of the nursery must be closed to the public. With the approval of the regulatory officer, segregated plants may be moved to a site within the nursery or to a location away from the nursery. Segregation must include storage on a hard impermeable surface (e.g. concrete or asphalt) and may not be within 10 meters of plants of host and associated host genera. The 10 meter requirement addresses the spread potential of *Phytophthora ramorum* should any TF plants be positive.

#### 8. **Determining number of plants to be inspected**

- Determine, if possible, all TF HAP genera at the receiving nursery and visually inspect all TF HAP genera at the receiving nursery. If TF HAP plants can not be determined, visually inspect at least 850 HAP plants of the same genera shipped from the TF nursery.
9. Visually inspect the appropriate number of HAP for unhealthy tissue. To visually inspect a plant, carefully lift the plant from surrounding plants and examine all plant leaves and stems for unhealthy tissue particularly for but not limited to the presence of water-soaked or necrotic lesions consistent with *P. ramorum* infection. Take care to examine the leaves on the interior as they may exist in a microclimate more conducive to disease development and may be more likely to have disease symptoms. Be sure to mark plant as visually inspected either with flagging with the appropriate sample number or a stake with the appropriate sample number. Also examine the leaves that have fallen off the plant for disease symptoms. A physical sample of the inspected plant is only to be taken if unhealthy plant tissue is present. **Do not sample asymptomatic plants**, but feel free to sample any and all plants exhibiting unusual or atypical plant tissue. Images of *P. ramorum* symptoms are available at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ispm/pramorum/>. Keep in mind that these images should only be used as a reference, and should not be considered all inclusive for each species. Links to other sites such as <http://www.suddenoakdeath.org>, which provide

nursery guides that describe and illustrate *P. ramorum* infections are also available at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ispm/pramorum/>. These nursery guides may be viewed and printed from these sites. Symptoms of *P. ramorum* may include:

- Leaf spots
- Twig dieback
- Stem cankers

Keep in mind that many other pathogens cause similar symptoms. Remember that other symptoms caused by *Phytophthora ramorum* as yet unseen may be detected, so sample any unusual or atypical plant symptoms.

10. **SAMPLE PLANT TISSUE from any and all visually inspected plants that appear unhealthy.** Each sample should consist of a minimum of five leaves; for vaccinium and other small leaf hosts collect the terminal last 3 inches of branch tips, if present, from each unhealthy plant. If, however, only one leaf is symptomatic include only the one leaf with lesions. Please examine any other leaves on the plant for the presence of lesions, because chances are much smaller lesions may be present on other leaves of the same plant. Take care to examine the leaves on the interior as they may exist in a microclimate more conducive to disease development and may be more likely to have disease symptoms, not forgetting the leaves that have fallen off. If certain areas of the nursery are more prone to disease development (such as low areas where water might puddle or places where mist or fog persists) these areas should be included in the sampling process.

For all samples:

- Fill out PPQ Form 391 (Name of host, variety, state code, facility code, etc.).
- Assign a unique sample number using the following conventions:  
XX-ABC-0001  
where XX is your two-letter state code, ABC is a three-letter, state-assigned facility code, and 0001 is the sample number for that facility.
- Log each sample according to the unique sample number.
- Double bag samples (e.g., symptomatic leaf tissue with associated twig intact) in plastic bags.
- Label with collection date, time, location, responsible party. Be sure to write sample number on the bag containing the sample.
- Be sure to mark sampled plants either with flagging with the appropriate sample number or a stake with the appropriate sample number.
- Refrigerate, but do not freeze specimen.
- Submit with minimal delay to your designated laboratory for analysis. All tissue samples must be analyzed by APHIS-approved or APHIS provisionally-approved Laboratory using the appropriate diagnostic protocols.
- Overnight the sample if necessary – do not send samples on Friday or the day before lab holidays – check with the lab – as they may not be received until the following Monday. Samples held in a shipper's warehouse without refrigeration may deteriorate and not be testable. Identify the sample(s) as Trace Forward (TF) Sample to distinguish the sample(s) from National Survey samples.

11. Ask owner/manager to identify “cull piles.” Check cull piles for *P. ramorum* symptomatic plants and plant material and sample as above, if observed.
12. Inspect greenhouse/nursery waste and refuse piles for symptomatic plants and sample if observed.
13. If the survey requires the inspector to move among multiple greenhouses, shade houses or discrete blocks, disinfect tools, hands and shoes (or wear disposable gloves and tyvek booties) to prevent pathogen spread between areas. If using disposable gloves and booties, be sure to dispose of these after each individual greenhouse/shade house/block inspection. Disposable rubber gloves and tyvek booties can also be disinfected using 10% bleach solution or a quaternary ammonium solution (at the labeled rate) between inspecting each area. See Exhibit B for details on disinfectants and fumigants for use in nurseries. (Washtubs with ~ 1/2 inch of disinfectant to step in for booties and 3 inches in buckets to dip gloved hands should be sufficient.) Be sure to properly disinfect booties and gloves between all nursery blocks. Disposable gloves and booties should be bagged and disposed by burial or incineration, or in a landfill upon completion of inspections.
14. Sanitize/disinfest tools and shoes before leaving premises, using an appropriate disinfectant for the control of *Phytophthora spp.* (such as a 10% solution of bleach or quaternary ammonium solution at labeled rates). See Exhibit B for details on disinfectants and fumigants for use in nurseries.
15. Advise the owner/manager –
  - The plants will remain on hold until further notification from USDA, APHIS.  
OR
  - For Production/Wholesale Nurseries:
    - Once plant samples are taken, the owner/manager may choose to voluntarily destroy all HAP in the nursery once sampling is completed. After the plants have been destroyed, the establishment can continue to do business without any regulatory restrictions. If there are positive *P. ramorum* results, the Confirmed Nursery Protocol I will be implemented as appropriate.
    - Where many samples have been taken, plants may be released on a block by block basis if *P. ramorum* has not been detected in the block after all test results for that block are available. For retail nurseries:
  - For retail nurseries:
    - Once sampling is completed the owner/manager may choose to voluntarily destroy the HAP received from the TF nursery and all other plants within 2 meters of the trace forward plants. After the plants have been destroyed, the establishment can continue to do business without any regulatory restrictions. Destruction and disinfestation will be performed as per the PPQ Confirmed Nursery Protocol. Destruction and disinfestation to be conducted under the supervision of a Federal or other appropriate regulatory official.

- The high risk plants and plants in the associated 2 meter buffer may be treated as a hold block and plants may be released on a block by block basis if *P. ramorum* has not been detected in the block after all test results for that block are available.
- **If any plant samples are found positive for *P. ramorum* whether the plants are remaining on the site or have been destroyed, the APHIS, PPQ Confirmed Nursery Protocol will be applied.**
- **If any samples associated with the cull piles are found positive for *P. ramorum*, the APHIS, PPQ Confirmed Nursery Protocol will be applied.**

**Exhibit A: Questionnaire: *Phytophthora ramorum*** Questionnaire (Property Owner or Manager)

**Exhibit B: Disinfectants and Fumigants for Use in Nurseries:** A number of disinfectants are registered for use on nonporous surfaces that may effectively reduce populations of *Phytophthora* species. Also see [www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ispm/pramorum](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ispm/pramorum).

**Exhibit C: APHIS List of Hosts and Plants Associated with *Phytophthora ramorum*.** This list is constantly being updated. The most current version is posted at [www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ispm/pramorum](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ispm/pramorum) for the latest approved list.



## Exhibit A

### *Phytophthora ramorum* Questionnaire (Property Owner or Manager): Part 1

Name of Nursery or Garden Store: \_\_\_\_\_.

Name of Owner or Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Site: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, State: \_\_\_\_\_, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_, Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

GIS Coordinates (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Facility (circle):   Nursery      Greenhouse      Wholesale      Retailer  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you the owner or manager of the property or facility? If not please provide owner contact information. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did you purchase the plant(s) in question? (If “no”, seek information on individual who planted material in question) \_\_\_\_\_
3. How long ago did you purchase the plant(s)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Did you purchase any other plants from this same nursery? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have you noticed any other problems with plants on your property? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Have you moved any plants, received from the infested nursery, from your primary retail location to a different location? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) What types and varieties were they? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b) How long ago was that? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) What is the address of that location? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Did you move any plants here from a different location? \_\_\_\_\_

a) What types and varieties were they?

\_\_\_\_\_

b) How long ago was that? \_\_\_\_\_

c) What is the address of that location?

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you have a landscape company that purchases plants from you? \_\_\_\_\_

9. What is the contact information for the landscape company? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

10. What is your source of water? \_\_\_\_\_

***Phytophthora ramorum* Questionnaire (Property Owner or Manager): Part 2**

Information on suspect plant material for inspector visiting property:

1. What is the variety and number of plants? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the condition of the plant material? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have the plants been trimmed or pruned? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How are the trimmings disposed of? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Did the plant material come in pots? \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Did you dispose of the pots or re-use them? \_\_\_\_\_

6. If the pots were reused or stored, describe how the pots were handled?

## Exhibit B

### Disinfectants and Fumigants for Use in Nurseries

#### **Non-Porous Surfaces:**

Most disinfectants are not labeled for use in soil and are only useful for nonporous materials such as concrete floors, nursery pots, plastic sheeting. A number of disinfectants are registered for use on nonporous surfaces that may effectively reduce populations of *Phytophthora* species. If it is practicable, tools such as knives, pruners, water breakers, water wands and other implements used in the buffer area should only be used in the buffer area. If tools and other implements must be moved from the buffer area, then regular disinfection using an appropriate disinfectant for the control of *P. ramorum* is recommended prior to removal from the buffer zone. The following table modified from <http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/ehs/decon.html> examines the effects of different classes of disinfectants on microbial populations. This list is for explanation and information only. Few disinfectants are specifically labeled for *Phytophthora* species and are shown in **Bold**.

All labels for the disinfectants listed below must be strictly adhered to for maximum efficacy and environmental and worker safety.

#### Summary of Disinfectant Activities

Disinfectant	Trade names	Comments	Contact time
Alcohols (ethyl and isopropyl)  60-85%	Lysol Spray	Evaporates quickly so that adequate contact time may not be achieved, high concentrations of organic matter diminish effectiveness; flammable.	10-15 minutes
Phenolics (0.4%-5%)	<b>Pheno-cen</b>	Phenol penetrates latex gloves; eye/skin irritant; remains active upon contact with organic soil; may leave residue.	10-15 minutes
Quaternary Ammonium (0.5-1.5%)	<b>Consan Triple Action 20</b>  <b>Physan 20</b>  <b>Lysol Professional Brand II</b>  Green-Shield 20	Effective for non-porous surface sanitation (floors, walls, benches, pots). Low odor, irritation. Use according to labels.	10-15 minutes
Chlorine (100-1,000)	<b>10% Clorox</b>	Inactivated by organic matter; fresh solutions of hypochlorite (Clorox) should be prepared	10-15 minutes

Disinfectant	Trade names	Comments	Contact time
ppm)	<b>10% Bleach</b>	every 8 hours or more frequently if exposed to sunlight; corrosive; irritating to eyes and skin. <b>Exposure to sunlight further reduces hypochlorite efficacy. Keep solution in opaque container.</b>	

#### Water:

- **For dust abatement, fire suppression, and equipment cleaning:** Clorox (sodium hypochlorite) is labeled (EPA Reg. No 5813-50) for treatment of water ( ~50 ppm available chlorine) for controlling the spread of *Phytophthora lateralis* via water used for dust abatement, fire suppression and equipment cleaning. The active ingredient level must be measured from water collected at the sprinkler head.
- **For irrigation:** Chlorine levels of 2ppm or 2mg/liter or greater has been correlated with the control of *Phytophthora* spp. in re-circulated irrigation systems. For irrigation purposes, recirculated, non-municipal water, must be chlorinated at an active chlorine concentration equal to or greater than 2 mg/liter of water; for facilities that recycle water, this chlorine level must be monitored.

#### Soil and Potting Media:

- **Potting media:** Potting media must be heated such that the temperature in the center of the load reaches at least 180 degrees F for 30 minutes. Treatment must be conducted in the presence of an inspector or treated with an approved fumigant as detailed below.
- **Soil:** Soil must be heated such that the temperature in the center of the load reaches at least 180 degrees F for 30 minutes. Treatment must be conducted in the presence of an inspector or treated with an approved fumigant as detailed below. Methyl bromide has been used for fumigating wood products, but the data on fungi and related organisms in wood are limited. However, methyl bromide has a long history of fumigation of soil in the field and greenhouse. It has commonly been used in combination with chloropicrin for control of *Phytophthora* spp. and other pests in strawberry beds. Methyl bromide has been used for soil treatment for the mitigation of *P. cinnamoni* in citrus groves. However, many of the compounds currently in use have been implicated in human and environmental risks.

All fumigants are restricted use and must be applied according to labels by a licensed applicator. Any use of restricted pesticides in any manner not listed on the label is unlawful.

#### **Summary of Labeled Soil Fumigants**

Fumigant	Trade names	Comments
Chloropicrin	Chlor-O-Pic Metapicrin Timberfume Tri-Clor	Chlorinated hydrocarbon used as a tear gas. Often used in combination with methyl bromide due to its ability to be detected in small quantities. In use as soils fumigant for more that 75 years.

Fumigant	Trade names	Comments
Dazomet	Basamid	Methyl isothiocyanate (MITC) breaks down into cyanide gas. Granular formulation that is water activated.
Metam-sodium	Busan 1020 Busan 1180 Busan 1236 Basamid Vapam	Limitations in California also include proximity to public places. All applicable labels must be observed.
Methyl Bromide	Tri-Con Terr-O-Gas Preplant Soil Fumigant Pic-Brom	Colorless and odorless. Usually combined in various concentrations with Chloropicrin (tear gas). Use is restricted due to ozone depletion potential. Use to be discontinued in 2005 except for quarantine exemption in accordance with the Montreal Protocol of 1989. Current production of methyl bromide limited to 25% of 1991 levels.

### **Physical Treatment of Soil**

**Soil physical barriers:** Mitigation of infested soil can also be achieved by installing permanent impermeable, non-porous barriers that consist of cement, concrete or asphalt. These barriers must be constructed so that no native soil within the destruction block is visible. The barriers should be graded such that no standing water can be observed.

### **Equipment and Personnel (Inspectors and employees)**

- Access to infested areas and hold areas should be limited, as much as possible, to officials and employees. Everyone entering and leaving the nursery site must scrape off loose pieces of soil into destruction block. Those working with, or in contact with suspected infested material (including plants), must wash hands using soap or approved disinfectant immediately after completion of task. There are no products currently labeled for use on porous materials for *Phytophthora* control.
- Personnel should not have access to other parts of the nursery after entering the destruction block on the same day.
- A disinfectant foot bath should be placed and used by personnel entering and exiting the buffer zone and entering and exiting the destruction block at the infested nursery site, where the movement of soil or plant debris on footwear is likely. The foot bath must be filled with fresh disinfectant on at least a daily basis, in accordance with label directions. Use of disposable shoe covers may be used in lieu of a footbath, if disposed of immediately upon exit from the buffer zone or destruction block. The disposable shoe covers must be placed in bags and incinerated or deep-buried.
- The tires (or other parts in contact with the soil or plants, such as the bed of trucks) of vehicles must be cleaned of loose soil and plant debris and disinfested with the

appropriate labeled products before leaving the infested site. Any efficacious product labeled for use on non-porous surfaces may be used on tires or vehicle undercarriages.

- Do not visit other nursery sites in potentially contaminated work clothing and footwear. Where it is necessary that visitors enter the nursery, the nursery should ensure that every precaution is taken to prevent the movement of infected plants, contaminated soil or debris by the visitor.
- Wood surfaces suspected of contamination with *P. ramorum* should be disposed of as stated above under “Infected Plants”.

## Exhibit C

### **APHIS List of Regulated Hosts and Plants Associated with *Phytophthora ramorum***

(Revision dated 11 September 2006)

This list is continually being updated.

The most current version is posted at: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ispm/pramorum>

### **Proven Hosts Regulated for *Phytophthora ramorum***

Scientific Name (47)	Common Name(s)	Notes
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	Bigleaf maple	
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Planetree maple	Koch's postulates completed
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Horse chestnut	Koch's postulates completed
<i>Adiantum aleuticum</i>	Western maidenhair fern	
<i>Adiantum jordanii</i>	California maidenhair fern	
<i>Aesculus californica</i>	California buckeye	
<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	Madrone	
<i>Arctostaphylos manzanita</i>	Manzanita	
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Scotch heather	
<i>Camellia spp.</i>	Camellia - all species, hybrids and cultivars	
<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Sweet chestnut	
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	European beech	
<i>Frangula californica</i> (≡ <i>Rhamnus californica</i> )	California coffeeberry	
<i>Frangula purshiana</i> (≡ <i>Rhamnus purshiana</i> )	Cascara	
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	European ash	
<i>Griselinia littoralis</i>	Griselinia	
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Witch hazel	
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon	
<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Mountain laurel	
<i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i>	Tanoak	
<i>Lonicera hispidula</i>	California honeysuckle	
<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Bay laurel	Koch's postulates completed
<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i> (≡ <i>Smilacina racemosa</i> )	False Solomon's seal	

<i>Michelia doltsopa</i>	Michelia	Koch's postulates completed
<i>Parrotia persica</i>	Persian ironwood	
<i>Photinia fraseri</i>	Red tip photinia	
<i>Pieris floribunda</i> and <i>Pieris floribunda x japonica</i> & all hybrids of <i>P. floribunda</i>	Mountain Andromeda	
<i>Pieris formosa</i> and <i>P. formosa x japonica</i> & all hybrids of <i>P. formosa</i>	Himalaya Andromeda	
<i>Pieris japonica</i> & all hybrids of <i>P. japonica</i>	Japanese Pieris	
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> var. <i>menziesii</i> & all nursery grown <i>P. menziesii</i>	Douglas fir	
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	
<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i>	Canyon live oak	
<i>Quercus cerris</i>	European turkey oak	
<i>Quercus falcata</i>	Southern red oak	
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm oak	
<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	California black oak	
<i>Quercus parvula</i> var. <i>shrevei</i> & all nursery grown <i>Q. parvula</i>	Shreve's oak	
<i>Rhododendron</i> spp.	Rhododendron (including azalea) – all species, hybrids and cultivars	
<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i>	Wood rose	
<i>Salix caprea</i>	Goat willow	
<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	Coast redwood	
<i>Syringa vulgaris</i>	Lilac	
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	European yew	
<i>Trientalis latifolia</i>	Western starflower	
<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	California bay laurel, pepperwood, Oregon myrtle	
<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i>	Evergreen huckleberry	
<i>Viburnum</i> spp.	Viburnum – all species, hybrids and cultivars	



### Plants Associated with *Phytophthora ramorum*

(These are regulated only as nursery stock)

Scientific Name (58)	Common Name, Date & Source of Report	Notes
<i>Abies concolor</i>	White fir – Oct 05 (1)	
<i>Abies grandis</i>	Grand fir – June 03 (1)	
<i>Abies magnifica</i>	Red fir – Jan 06 (7)	
<i>Acer circinatum</i>	Vine maple – Feb 06 (5)	
<i>Acer davidii</i>	Striped bark maple – Jan 06 (9)	
<i>Acer laevigatum</i>	Evergreen Maple – Aug 05 (3)	
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry tree – Dec 02 (7)	
<i>Arctostaphylos columbiana</i>	Manzanita – Feb 06 (5)	
<i>Ardisia japonica</i>	Ardisia – Jan 06 (9)	
<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>	Spicebush – May 05 (5)	
<i>Castanopsis orthacantha</i>	Castanopsis – Aug 06 (3)	New listing – Reported found in the UK
<i>Ceanothus thyrsiflorus</i>	Blueblossom – April 06 (5)	
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	Camphor tree – May 06 (3)	
<i>Clintonia andrewsiana</i>	Andrew's clintonia bead lily – May 04 (5)	
<i>Cornus kousa x Cornus capitata</i>	Cornus Norman Haddon – Aug 06 (3)	New listing – Reported found in the UK
<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	California hazelnut – Dec 02 (5)	
<i>Distylium myricoides</i>	Myrtle-leaved Distylium – Jul 06 (9)	New listing – Reported found in Canada
<i>Drimys winteri</i>	Winter's bark – July 04 (3)	
<i>Dryopteris arguta</i>	California wood fern – May 04 (5)	
<i>Eucalyptus haemastoma</i>	Scribbly gum – Aug 06 (3)	New listing – Reported found in the UK
<i>Euonymus kiautschovicus</i>	Spreading euonymus – Jan 06 (9)	
<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	Oregon ash – Aug 05 (5)	
<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	Salal, Oregon wintergreen – Jan 06 (9)	
<i>Hamamelis x intermedia</i> ( <i>H. Mollis</i> & <i>H. Japonica</i> )	Hybrid witchhazel – Jan 06 (9)	
<i>Hamamelis mollis</i>	Chinese witchhazel – Jan 05 (3)	

<i>Ilex purpurea</i>	Oriental holly – Jul 06 (9)	New listing - Reported found in Canada
<i>Kalmia angustifolia</i>	Sheep laurel – May 06 (3)	
<i>Leucothoe axillaris</i>	Fetterbush, dog hobble – Jan 06 (9)	
<i>Leucothoe fontanesiana</i>	Drooping leucothoe - Oct 03 (3)	
<i>Loropetalum chinense</i>	Loropetalum – Jul 06 (9)	New listing - Reported found in Canada
<i>Manglietia insignis</i>	Red lotus tree – Aug 06 (9)	New listing - Reported found in Canada
<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Southern magnolia – Jan 06 (9)	
<i>Magnolia stellata</i>	Star magnolia – Jan 05 (3)	
<i>Magnolia x loebneri</i>	Loebner magnolia – Jan 05 (3)	
<i>Magnolia x soulangeana</i>	Saucer magnolia – Jan 05 (3)	
<i>Michelia maudiae</i>	Michelia – Jan 06 (9)	
<i>Michelia wilsonii</i>	Michelia – Jan 06 (9)	
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander – June 06 (1)	
<i>Nothofagus obliqua</i>	Roble beech – Dec 04 (3)	
<i>Osmorhiza berteroi</i>	Sweet Cicely – Aug 05 (5)	
<i>Osmanthus decorus</i> (≡ <i>Phillyrea decora</i> ; ≡ <i>P. vilmoriniana</i> )	Osmanthus – Jan 06 (9)	
<i>Osmanthus fragrans</i>	Sweet olive – June 06 (1)	
<i>Osmanthus heterophyllus</i>	Holly olive – June 06 (1)	
<i>Parakmeria lotungensis</i>	Eastern joy lotus tree – Jul 06 (9)	New listing - Reported found in Canada
<i>Pittosporum undulatum</i>	Victorian box – Dec 02 (6)	
<i>Prunus lusitanica</i>	Portuguese laurel cherry – Jan 06 (9)	
<i>Pyracantha koidzumii</i>	Formosa firethorn – Apr 04 (9)	
<i>Quercus acuta</i>	Japanese evergreen oak – May 06 (3)	
<i>Quercus petraea</i>	Sessile oak – Aug 05 (3)	
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Northern red oak – Nov 03 (8)	
<i>Rosa</i> (specific cultivars)  Royal Bonica (tagged: “MEImodac”)  Pink Meidiland (tagged:	Hybrid roses – Jan 06 (9)	Revised listing - Note that these are specific registered cultivars which can be identified by the listed tags

“MEIpoque”)		
Pink Sevillana (tagged: “MEIgeroka”)		
<i>Rosa rugosa</i>	Rugosa rose – Jan 06 (9)	
<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	Salmonberry – Dec 02 (4)	
<i>Taxus brevifolia</i>	Pacific yew – May 03 (5)	
<i>Taxus x media</i>	Yew – June 05 (8)	
<i>Torreya californica</i>	California nutmeg – Aug 05 (5)	
<i>Toxicodendron diversilobum</i>	Poison oak – Dec 02 (4)	
<i>Vancouveria planipetala</i>	Redwood ivy – Aug05 (5)	

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## **Rationale for Lists:**

### **Host Plants Regulated for *Phytophthora ramorum*:**

Naturally infected associated plants are deemed host plants regulated for *P. ramorum* upon completion, documentation, review and acceptance of traditional Koch's postulates. Details on regulated plants and articles can be found via links to "Phytophthora ramorum 7 CFR 301.92" and "Recent Modifications to Phytophthora ramorum Regulations" at:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ispm/pramorum>

The plants listed in the original Interim Rule dated 14 February 2002 were adapted from a review and evaluation of lists of regulated plants from other regulatory agencies.

### **Plants Associated with *Phytophthora ramorum*:**

Plants associated with *P. ramorum* are naturally infected plants and from which *P. ramorum* has been cultured and/or detected using PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction). Traditional Koch's postulates have not yet been completed nor documented and reviewed for each of these associated plants. These reports must be documented and reviewed by PPQ before they will be listed.

### **Regulation at the genus level:**

Plants included in either of the above lists may be regulated at the genus level. This will ensure appropriate and effective inspection in quarantine areas, regulated nurseries, and regulated articles to mitigate the spread of *P. ramorum*. An example is when the number of individual species, hybrids, or cultivars listed or to be listed is determined to hinder appropriate and effective inspection or regulation.

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